



GATES

GAINING ACADEMIC & TECHNICAL EDUCATION
SKILLS

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the skills option program is to provide a successful path for those over-aged students who cannot earn a regular high school diploma within the standard four year period typically allotted students to graduate from high school. The Option Program will provide career information and training to participating students so that they may have the skills to earn gainful employment upon graduation or pursue completion or partial completion of certification in one of several work-based skills areas while still in the public school system.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Students must be 16 years of age or older and meet the following criteria:

- Failed 8th grad LEAP 21 English language arts or mathematics for one or more years
- Failed English language arts, mathematics, science or the social studies portion of the GEE or GEE21.
- Participated in out-of-level testing or alternate assessment
- Earned not more than five Carnegie units by age 17, not more than ten Carnegie units by age 18, and not more than fifteen Carnegie units by age 19.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The program has been designed and aimed at preparing students for employment by offering job skills and academic preparation at Lamar Salter Technical College Campus.

- Pre-GED Skills
- Employability Skills

PROGRAMS OFFERED AT LAMAR SALTER CAMPUS (DIPLOMAS)

- A/C & Refrigeration
- Automotive Technology
- Carpentry
- Diesel Powered Equipment
- Early Childhood Education
- Industrial Electronics
- Outdoor Power Equipment
- Welding

JOBS FOR LOUISIANA'S GRADUATES

Students enrolled in the GATES Program will be active participants in the Jobs for Louisiana's Graduates Program (JLG).

In the JLG Program, a Job Specialist works to identify student who would benefit from the program. While working with the students he/she listens to the student's problems, and then he becomes the advocate for the students, and helps link them to special services and emphasizes development of employability skills.

JLG PROVIDES

- Intensive personal coaching, tutoring, self-development, leadership, and career preparation skills.
- A program of activities that teach career skills that is important to today's job market.

- The CAREER ASSOCIATION, an organization that instills pride and encourages professionalism.
- Guidance and employability skills, to identify careers for graduates.
- 12 months of post-graduation follow-up to enhance the development of the job and career potential and ensure successful placement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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